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1. KISSINGER: QUOTE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'VE SAID
EARLIER THAT THIS IS MY NINTH OR TENTH VISIT IN ONE YEAR AND WE
ALL NOW KNOW THAT IT FOLLOWS A CERTAIN COURSE. THERE'S ALWAYS,
BEFORE I COME, A GREAT DEAL OF SPECULATION ABOUT THE MOMENTOUS
CHANGES THAT ARE GOING TO BROUGHT ABOUT IN POLICY AS A RESULT
OF MY VISIT AND WHAT NEW PRESSURES MAY BE BROUGHT ON
ISRAEL. AND THEN WE MEET AND WE AGREE AND WE PURSUE A
COMMON APPROACH AND WE REMAIN ON THE SAME COURSE WHICH
IS TO MOVE STEP BY STEP TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE
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IN THE AREA, A PEACE THAT NO PEOPLE CAN WANT MORE AND NO

PEOPLE DESERVE MORE THAN THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. WE HAVE HAD TWO DAYS OF VERY CORDIAL, VERY FRANK, VERY FRIENDLY TALKS, AND WE AGREED THAT IN THE NEW CONDITIONS THAT HAVE ARISEN IN THESE MONTHS WE NEED TO EXPLORE CAREFULLY WHAT POSSIBILITIES DO EXIST. WE WILL JOINTLY EXPLORE THEM. THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO HELP ALL THE PARTIES THAT ARE READY TO MOVE FORWARD AND THE UNITED STATES AS ALWAYS MAINTAINS THE CLOSEST RELATIONS WITH ITS OLD FRIENDS IN ISRAEL. SO THE TALKS HAVE BEEN GOOD. WE KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING. WE WILL EXPLORE CAREFULLY AND DELIBERATELY. WE WILL STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER AND WE HAVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. THANK YOU. END QUOTE.

2. ALLON: QUOTE. WHILE I CAN'T BUT ENDORSE EVERYTHING THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD TO SAY ABOUT HIS VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL AND TO ISRAEL IN PARTICULAR, IT WAS QUITE NATURAL THAT

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO HEAR AN AUTHORITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AFTER THE RABAT CONFERENCE AND I COULDN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER PERSON IN THE WORLD TODAY BUT DOCTOR KISSINGER WHO COULD GO TO ANY ARAB CAPITAL HE WISHES AND FROM THERE TO GO TO ISRAEL WHEN HIS HOSTS THERE KNOW VERY WELL THAT HE IS ABOUT TO VISIT JERUSALEM AND TALK TO US AND THIS GIVES US IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE KNOW FROM OUR OWN SOURCES WHAT WAS GOING ON IN RABAT TO HEAR DR. KISSINGER'S OPINION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE CONTINUATION OF OUR JOINT POLITICAL EFFORT TO ACHIEVE DURABLE AND JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST EVEN IF THIS HAS TO BE ACHIEVED STEP BY STEP. AND WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THESE OPTIONS ARE NOT BLOCKED ALTOGETHER. IT IS TRUE THAT THE SITUATION IS VERY COMPLICATED, VERY DELICATE AND THEREFORE WHAT IS NEEDED TODAY IS A GREAT VISION, A FAITH IN THE NEED AND POSSIBILITY TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND THE SKILL OF A MEDIATOR. HAPPILY, DR. KISSINGER POSSESSES ALL THESE QUALITIES AND THEREFORE WE THINK HIS VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY WAS MOST USEFUL. WE HAD GOOD TALKS, VERY FRANK ONES AND A VERY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND WE DO HOPE THAT SOONER OR LATER, BETTER SOONER THAN LATER, WE SHALL HEAR SOME NEWS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF SOME POLITICAL PROGRESS IN ORDER TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM ALIVE. I AM VERY HAPPY THAT MRS. KISSINGER, NANCY, COULD COME WITH HIM, BUT UNFORTUNATELY HE KEEPS US SO BUSY THAT IT DOESN'T GIVE US A CHANCE EVEN TO LOOK AT HER. I HOPE

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THIS ISN'T OUT OF JEALOUSY--JUST BECAUSE WE ARE HARD-WORKING PEOPLE. SO NEXT TIME I HOPE HE'LL TAKE AN EXTRA DAY AND COME TO A NICE PLACE LIKE MY KIBBURZ AN RELAX A LITTLE BIT, NOT ONLY POLITICALLY BUT ALSO PHYSICALLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. END QUOTE.

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